

Preparedness News

■ Green River District Medical Reserve Corp (MRC)



On Sept. 21, the Green River District MRC was offered an opportunity to volunteer alongside the American Red Cross. Owensboro, Kentucky sponsored an Air Show. The Air Show took place along the newly restored downtown riverfront.

Green River District was asked to provide volunteers for the "Cooling Stations." They set tents up in two separate locations, Smothers Park and English Park. They were able to assist and help the community with a number of medical needs as well as providing water. The MRC served well and continues to serve as a dedicated group. They are always willing to help when called. Kentucky can always use more volunteers to help out in the community. Visit the [KHELPS website](#) to register to be a volunteer for your local Medical Reserve Corp today!

■ Garrard County Medical Reserve Corp: Unit 1356 Deploys

The Garrard County MRC deployed two MRC Medical personnel and the MRC Director. They were sent to the Buena Vista Baptist Church, in support of a countywide free health clinic on Sept. 21. The two nurses, Renee Davis and Keri Noe, conducted medical screenings at the clinic. The Director participated as an observer. The clinic offered free medical, dental, chiropractic and vision screenings. They also offered haircuts, a hot meal, groceries and other community needs. The clinic served 297 individuals in 100 families.

■ Ashland-Boyd County-Catlettsburg MRC Celebrates 10 Year Anniversary



On Sept. 19, the Ashland-Boyd County-Catlettsburg (ABC) MRC celebrated its 10th anniversary. The unit was officially formed on Sept. 30, 2003. The unit is a joint partnership between Ashland-Boyd County Health Department and the Boyd County Office of Emergency Management. Over the last ten years the unit has averaged 60 members. They have participated in numerous activities and responses. Eight of the current members have been with the unit since 2003. Those eight members will be recognized at the Volunteer Recognition dinner held in April.

The unit celebrated their anniversary at the annual Preparedness Family Game Night. This is an event that the volunteers look forward to every year. This year, the unit members participated in games such as Preparedness Wheel of Fortune, Preparedness Family Feud, Preparedness Plink-O (from the Price is Right) and Preparedness Bingo. Concepts reinforced through the games were: Incident Command System structure, Preparedness Kit Items, Communication Plan concepts, Special Items for Kits and Pet Preparedness. Also discussed were common emergencies in Boyd County. Prizes were awarded for the games and included: weather radios, blankets, three-day preparedness kits and multipurpose tools.

